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DENAZIFICATION VIA RENAZIFICATION

IN A recent address on the allied occupation policy, American High Commissioner John J. McCloy delivered a warning to the German people on the political shortcomings displayed by them during the five months of self-government under the West German Republic.

It was high time that a warning be issued to the Germans, even if it probably is too late for that warning to have very much effect. The entire policy now governing the relations between the Western Allies and the West German people (to stimulate full political independence for the Germans) is little short of a mistake. Certainly it runs counter, and is in contradiction, to the political lessons which this half-century should have taught us. Two world wars begun by the Germans without cause and waged by them with the bitterest intensity and contrary to many of the rules of civilized warfare have shown that basic in the German nature is a love of authority and a failure to understand, or to have regard for, most of the concepts of democratic living. Why America, England and France should rush pell mell into a process of immediate and forced democratization of any portion of Germany remains a mystery to many people. If there be a reason, it is the same—an invalid, dangerous and destructive reason which led to the rebuilding of Germany after the first war and the emergence of Hitler. Then as probably now, the purpose was to create a buffer state against the encroachments of Russia. The consequences of the first mistake bedevil the world today and will plague future gen-

erations for unnumbered years to come.

The immediate results of the second mistake—this egregious failure to interpret the lessons of even the most immediate history—are enormous and obvious. A concomitant of the process of political independence has been said to be a denazification of Western Germany. Ac-

On March 23 the Center will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Joseph Goldberg's association with this institution as its Administrative Director. There have been few personalities in the long history of the Center whom the members have regarded with more affection and esteem. This will be an occasion for a happy offering of sincere tribute.

The Editors.

tually, the process has become a re-nazification. Only a few statistics are necessary to show the factual truth of this assertion. Under the original denazification law in the United States Zone, 13,000,000 people were required to register and answer questionnaires. Only three and one-half million were considered suspect. Of these, 33.5% were relieved of all stigma. 51.3% were called "followers," 11.1% were termed "lesser offenders," 2.2% "offenders" and only 0.1% "major offenders." The net result of these statistics was that 98% were practically freed from any consequences of Nazi affiliation and only 18,000 were banned from holding public office. Only

8,703 of this last group were sentenced to labor camps. At the present day, a mere four years after the close of the war, only several hundred still remain as prisoners. In the Nazi party alone there were, during the heyday of Hitler, 15,000 higher German officials, 15,000 higher S.S. leaders and 50,000 party officials. This was only the hierarchy of the party. Its lesser followers numbered in the millions. But a moment of comparison is needed to show how skin-surface the process of punishment has been.

What of the present-day life in Western Germany? Former Nazis now act as prosecutors and judges in the courts. Most of the newspapers in Western Germany openly and flagrantly print articles glorifying the Hitler philosophy even of Hitler days. In the Bavarian Government, for instance, 32,744 Government officials, as of February 1949, had formerly been members of the Nazi party. Persecutes of the Nazis then in the Government numbered only 1,095. In Hessen, 559 mayors were former Nazis. The Police Inspector in Frankfurt was a Gestapo man. Joseph Hermann, the former commissioner of the infamous camp at Auschwitz, is now an official of the Bavarian Government. The overlords of finance who made secure Hitler's position are now back in their places of industrial and financial power: as, for instance, Hermann Abs, outstanding in the exploitation of the occupied countries.

Perhaps most disturbing of all is the return of Nazis to the school system to the point where former Nazis are even replacing democratic teachers appointed by the Allied Military Government. In the French Zone alone, 800 former Nazi

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בינינו לבין עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

THE NEW COMMUNITY IN MIAMI

I AM writing this from sun-kissed Miami Beach, where, with so many Centerites, I am endeavoring to get the benefits of the glorious Florida climate. It is now ten years since I last visited this city, and one is immediately struck by its remarkable growth and progress. Not only the number of tourists but also the number of the all-year residents both in Miami and in Miami Beach have increased tremendously.

The Jewish community, in particular, gives evidence of this growth. What is of the greatest interest, however, is the splendid development of a community spirit among the Jewish residents of these twin cities. Most of the people who came to settle here came either because of the business opportunities which these cities offered, or because of failing health. One would imagine that being prompted by these motives, the Jewish residents would immerse themselves in their personal problems and escape from the communal

responsibilities which were forced upon them in their former homes. But happily, this is not the case. You see here a healthy and very active Jewish life. Beautiful Synagogues have been erected and others are being built. The services attract large attendances not only in the tourist season but throughout the year. The pulpits in all the Synagogues and Temples are occupied by Rabbis—mostly younger men—all of whom play an active role in the leadership of the community. This is true of all the groups—orthodox, conservative and reform. All the Synagogues conduct Hebrew schools and attract a large number of children. Miami Beach now boasts of a Hebrew Academy—modeled after our own Center Academy—which has won the support of many in the community.

There is a well organized Federation, which wins ever increased support, and you have here the usual Jewish institutions one finds in the old established Jew-

ish community—a Jewish Hospital, a Home for the Aged, etc. The United Jewish Appeal counts these twin cities as among the foremost in the country.

One follows with interest the accounts of the meetings of the Zionists, Hadasahs, the Bnai Brith, Jewish Congress, Ort and the various party and group organizations with which the city abounds. When one considers that this is comparatively speaking a community of recent growth, made up of Jews from all parts of the country—where it could be so easy to hide one's identity—it is good to see that Jews want to preserve Jewish communal life, and give of their time, money and effort to assure its future development.

That this is so is due to the fact that here, as everywhere else, you find a few individuals who, by training and inclination, are natural leaders in communal work. These men and women take the initiative in all public efforts, and by force of their personalities and determined will, they attract followers in all their undertakings. Miami Beach is blessed with many such *Oskim B'tzorce Tzibbur*—community-minded men—and their efforts have been blessed with success.

I have not had the opportunity to observe if the Jews here have shown an interest in the deeper aspects of Jewish living, in developing a philosophy of Jewish religious life. In this respect I imagine that they are not different from the mass of Jews throughout America today. But once a healthy community spirit is developed, I have the faith that the second step will follow and the Jews will want to know and to understand what their religion and their culture demand of them in their daily thoughts and acts.

To those of us who are interested in the future of Jewish life in America, the Jewish community in Miami Beach is a source of encouragement and hope that the Jews in America are resolved to foster and to develop a well organized Jewish community life. To paraphrase an old Rabbinic dictum: "Wherever the Jew goes, the *Shechinah* goes with him." As long as this dictum is valid, so long will Jewish life continue.

Israel H. Ben-Zion

teachers were reinstated in their positions in three months. It is reported by the Director of United States Education in Germany that in one school the teacher taught the alphabet thus: "A for Adolf, H. for Hitler, G for Goebbels."

Impartial observers agree that anti-Semitism in Western Germany today is at a point at least equal to that which existed under Hitler. There is further agreement that if the occupation army were to withdraw, there would be pogroms in 48 hours. The German press is filled with anti-Semitic articles. Synagogues and cemeteries have been desecrated.

We fought a tremendous war at incalculable sacrifice, primarily to safeguard ourselves, our way of life and the liberties of our future generations. One does not have to be a prophet of despair to feel that all of this sacrifice is on the way to being wasted by reason of our present policies. Magnanimity is the portion of the deserving. Nothing in the

record indicates that the Germans are deserving of the consideration which either through goodness of heart or by reason of policy we have shown them. The time has come for a *volte face* in our policy. Those in authority may well take time to ponder the future cost of our present mistaken liberality.

—WILLIAM I. SEGEL.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT RABBI

IN COMMON with all Jews, we mourn the death of a great spiritual leader, the Rabbi of Lubavitch, the sainted Rabbi Joseph Isaac Schneersohn. Having lived in our neighborhood for the past decade, many in the Center had the privilege of seeing him and of becoming acquainted with some of his activities. He played an historic role in Russia, courageously fighting the Jewish Communists who were determined to crush every effort to preserve Jewish religious life.

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The following is reprinted from the "Zionist Newsletter," published in Jerusalem, which "adopted" it from an article published in "Davar"

THERE has been increasing mention lately of the need to speed up Israel development by autarchic means. This, however, would seem to be little more than an empty phrase, for the central problem of our economy for many years to come will continue to be the absorption of immigration; and even a superficial observer must agree that this problem can be overcome only by means of a growing stream of capital. In other words, our economic relations with other countries will have to be strengthened, and not the reverse.

The need for large imports of capital is characteristic of the development of countries where there is large-scale immigration, as the examples of the U. S. A., Australia and New Zealand will readily show. In the way that a manufacturer, at the outset of his career, cannot carry out an ambitious programme of expansion on credit, a country absorbing immigration and undergoing rapid development must have capital from outside sources.

This problem is common to all such countries; and during their initial period of economic expansion and increased production the amount of capital introduced from abroad invariably exceeds the amounts going out of the country. But while in other countries the annual rate of immigration was seldom higher than 4 per cent. of the size of the population, Israel, during the past year, has been absorbing newcomers at the rate of 40 per cent. of its population. Moreover, if we bear in mind that the conditions for self-sufficiency in other countries, both as regards agricultural produce and raw materials, were far more favourable than they are with us, it will become clear to us that financial help from abroad is not a question of choice but of necessity.

Australia provides a good illustration of this. In spite of very favourable agrarian conditions, that country required, during the ten-year period of 1880-90, when the population increased at the rate of 3.56% yearly (including immigration), imports of capital amounting to between 10% and 20% of the national income.

A Frank Report on Israel's Financial Condition

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In estimating the relation between immigration and requirements of imported capital, one should also bear in mind that the proportion of persons whom it is hard to place in immediate employment is larger among the present-day immigrants than it used to be in the past.

This means that exports, the tourist trade and communications have to be developed, and the State of Israel turned into a world centre of trade.

The following figures will provide some indication of our dependence upon imports (disregarding for the moment the problems involved in providing our own supplies for agriculture). During the first half of 1949, the value of our imports totalled just over £37 million. Of this, £5 million consisted of raw materials, and £20.4 million of wholly or mainly manufactured goods, including £4 million of machinery. Of these, materials and finished goods, for the manufacture of which suitable conditions will not exist in Israel for some time, accounted for over 50%. If we take into account the fact that to produce our other requirements increased imports of raw materials and means of production will be needed, we get a clear picture, based upon objective data, of the necessity for economic ties with other countries.

But apart from the fact that this aim can be achieved only by the extensive utilization of resources from abroad, we find that closer economic relations with other countries are essential from another aspect as well. It is a well-known fact that industry, more than any other branch of economic life, is able, by means of intensification and expansion, to increase the country's capacity to provide employment and raise the standard of living. Hence the special importance that attaches to our industrial development at this juncture. As, however, our country is poor in raw materials and will have to go on importing a number of semi-finished goods, and particularly items like machinery, our economic development is, whether we like it or not, bound up with the strengthening of our commercial relations with other countries. For, in order to increase output, we shall need larger imports of raw materials and partly manufactured goods. On the other hand, we cannot go on importing for any length of time unless we can pay for imports, or at any rate for the greater part of them, out of our own resources.

It therefore follows that the extensive development of our imports and exports is vitally necessary if the absorptive capacity of our economy is to be enlarged. But at the same time it is admitted on all sides that we should try and reduce our financial dependence upon other countries. Yet in this respect, too, we should not delude ourselves that complete independence is now within our grasp. It is argued in some quarters that our net savings out of our own resources in a few years' time will amount to 20% of the national income. Such a high percentage, as a regular phenomenon, has not yet been achieved by any country.

It is only by displaying a sense of awareness of the facts and a readiness to draw the necessary conclusions from them that we can hope to find ways of overcoming our present economic difficulties.

THE *Jewish Morning Journal* of February 9th published an interesting report from Jerusalem by M. I. Nierenberger, a member of its staff. It concerns a stormy but amusing session of the Kneset (Israeli Parliament) held on January 30th. The members of Israel's Assembly and Cabinet set aside all the woes and cares of the new State and the world and concentrated their oratory on one problem—that of marriage.

The question before the house was: "At what age is it healthier and wiser for a girl to get married—in the early years or in the years of ripe experience? And if the girl is to marry young, how young should she be to obtain legal permission to marry?" How *young* not how *old* was the problem that faced the Kneset.

Two bills were presented for the consideration of the Kneset. On behalf of the government, Dr. Pinchas Rosen (formerly Dr. Fritz Rosenbluth), the Minister of Justice, proposed that no girl should be permitted to marry until she attained the age of 17. The minimum age is 15. Ada Maimon, a representative of the "Mapai," and a sister of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Hakohen Maimon (formerly Rabbi Jehuda Leib Fishman), proposed that the minimum age should be 18. Both plans were finally referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Kneset for consideration.

The discussion leading to this decision, while amusing in itself, brought out the tragic position of women among the Yemenite Jews and among many of the Sephardic Jews.

Miss Maimon's speech revealed the suffering among many girls from Yemenite and Sephardic homes who, though mere children, are sold as brides, a custom prevailing among the Arabs in whose midst they lived for centuries. These child-brides become mothers at an age when they should be at school and at play. In the Maimon bill, as well as in the bill presented by the government, stiff penalties are provided for those performing marriages involving girls below the minimum age limit established by law.

Speaking for the orthodox bloc, Dr. Warhaftig declared that he would support a law setting the minimum marriage age for girls at 16, because this age limit

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is favored by the rabbis. In the course of the debate Miss Maimon revealed astounding facts concerning Yemenite Jews who sell their daughters to mature men. She also criticized severely the system of secret polygamy prevailing among them. To this a Sephardic delegate, Eliyahu Hacarmeli, also a member of the "Mapai," replied: "They say that the Western Jews are opposed to polygamy. Are they against polygamy in general or are they opposed to 'open' polygamy only? I am informed that among the western Jews polygamy is practised 'underground'."

The following startling case was cited during the discussion. A Yemenite girl, aged ten, ran away from her home. On investigation it was disclosed that she refused to live with her husband, thirty years old, to whom she was sold by her father when they lived in Yemen for two English pounds. Now the "woman" is in a children's home playing with her playmates and gradually forgetting that she was ever married.

Despite the new surroundings and the revolutionary changes which modern Israel has brought about in their lives, Yemenite Jews are ready to defend and preserve their age-old customs. One of their leaders, Avrohom Toviv, a Yemenite "Mapai" representative, criticized the leaders of the Orthodox bloc for not defending the "liberties" of the Yemenite Jews. Toviv is one of the most colorful figures in the Kneset. Tall, with a beautiful long beard and the face of an Oriental patriarch, he always impresses the legislators whenever he addresses them. "Our Torah," he stated, "is not opposed to marriage at the age of 12. A girl becomes pubescent when she reaches 12 and marriage is permissible according to law. And what our Torah sanctions the Government has no right to prohibit." In an embittered mood, Toviv attacked Miss Maimon, who is unmarried. "Maybe you will suggest a law," he declared, "that women should not be allowed to

marry before they become 40 years of age, so that they may be beautiful and slender? I wish there were more Yemenite women among us who, at the age of 25 are mothers of ten children. What progress will we be able to make in Israel, with Arabs surrounding us, when our women will adopt the Western custom of birth control? What will happen to us if all women will limit themselves to two children, or none at all? Will our country have a future?"

A woman representative answered that the girls of early marriage are deprived of their childhood and demanded that polygamy be abolished. She mentioned the injunction against polygamous marriages invoked by Rabbi Ben Judah Gershon. To this another member replied: "Why do you single out this particular rabbi (Rabbi Gershon)?"

"Because he did a great thing," came the reply.

Other deputies brought examples of women who, though married when they were mere children, managed to live to a ripe old age. "My mother," stated one member of the Assembly, "married at the age of 13 and yet she lived to be 103 years old. Her oldest son died when he was 95. So, what's the harm?"

A woman social worker, who is a teacher among Yemenite girls, had this to say: "I once asked one of my pupils why she does not do her homework. 'How can I study,' she replied, 'when I am constantly annoyed by the quarrels among my father's wives?'"

Beba Idelson, another "Mapai" representative, told that she once asked a Yemenite girl: "who takes care of the nursing of your child?" The answer was: "My mother has a child of the same age as mine, and she nurses both children."

This ended the five-hour stormy debate at the Kneset in Jerusalem, Israel.

—Adapted from Yiddish by J. G.

THE POEMS OF ISAAC ROSENBERG

IT HAS been considered appropriate that I should say something about the poems of Isaac Rosenberg. I can only hope that what I say, inadequate though it may be, will help to gain for him the full recognition of his genius which has hitherto been delayed. In reading and re-reading these poems I have been strongly impressed by their depth and integrity. I have found a sensitive and vigorous mind energetically interested in experimenting with language, and I have recognized in Rosenberg a fruitful fusion between English and Hebrew culture. Behind all his poetry there is a racial quality—biblical and prophetic. Scriptural and sculptural are the epithets I would apply to him. His experiments were a strenuous effort for impassioned expression; his imagination had a sinewy and muscular aliveness; often he saw things in terms of sculpture, but he did not carve or chisel; he modelled words with fierce energy and aspiration, finding ecstasy in form, dreaming in grandeurs of superb light and deep shadow; his poetic visions are mostly in sombre colours and looming sculptural masses, molten and amply wrought. Watching him working with words, I find him a poet of movement; words which express movement are often used by him and are essential to his natural utterance.

Rosenberg was not consciously a "war poet." But the war destroyed him, and his few but impressive "Trench Poems" are a central point in this book. They have the controlled directness of a man finding his true voice and achieving mastery of his material; words and images obey him, instead of leading him into over-elaboration. They are all of them fine poems, but "Break of Day in the Trenches" has for me a poignant and nostalgic quality which eliminates critical analysis. Sensuous front-line existence is

The Schocken Press, publishers of a noteworthy library of Jewish books, has just issued a collection of the poems of Isaac Rosenberg, who was killed in World War I. Rosenberg has been rediscovered and classed among the outstanding poets of our time. Several of the poems from the Schocken book, together with the introduction by Siegfried Sassoon and a biographical note are here reprinted.

there, hateful and repellent, unforgettable and inescapable. And beyond this poem I see the poems he might have written after the war, and the life he might have lived when life began again beyond and behind those trenches which were the limbo of all sane humanity and world-improving imagination. For the spirit of poetry looks beyond life's trench-lines. And Isaac Rosenberg was naturally em-

powered with something of the divine spirit which touches our human clay to sublimity of expression.

Here, in this book, we have his immaturity and his achievement. Both are wonderful and manifold in richness. Having said what I can, I lay this reverent wreath upon his tomb.

—SIEGFRIED SASSOON.

ODE TO DAVID'S HARP

A WAKE, ye joyful strains, awake,
In silence sleep no more;
Disperse the gloom that ever lies
O'er Judah's barren shore.
Where are the hands that strung thee
With tender touch and true?
Those hands are silenced, too.

The harp that faster caused to beat
The heart that throbbed for war,
The harp that melancholy calmed,
Lies mute on Judah's shore.
One chord awake—one strain prolong
To wake the zeal in Israel's breast;
Oh sacred lyre, once more, how long!
'Tis vain, alas! in silence rest.

Many a minstrel fame's elated
Envies thee thy harp of fame,
Harp of David—monarch minstrel,
Bravely—bravely, keep thy name.
Ay! ev'ry ear that listen'd,
Was charmed—was thrilled—was
bound.

Every eye with moisture glisten'd
Thrilling to the harp's sweet sound.

Hark! the harp is pouring
Notes of burning fire,
And each soul o'erpowering,
Melts the rousing ire.
Fiercer—shriller—wilder far
Than the iron notes of war,
Accents sweet and echoes sweeter,
Minstrel—minstrel, steeds fly fleetly
Spurred on by thy magic strains.

Tell me not the harp lies sleeping,
Set not thus my heart aweeping,
In the muse's fairy dwelling
There thy magic notes are swelling.
But for list'n'ing mortals' ear

Vainly wait, ye will not hear.
So clearly sweet—so plaintive sad
More tender tone no harper had.
O! when again shall Israel see
A harp so toned with melody?

"MY SOUL IS ROBBED"

MY SOUL is robbed by your most
treacherous eyes
Treading its intricate infinities.
Some pale light hidden in light and felt
to stir

In listening pulse, an audible wonder
Delighting me with my immortal loss;
While you stay in its place, rich robbers,
that is dross.

Wine of the Almighty who got drunk
with thee.

(The reason sin—God slumbering then—
flew free.)

Alas! if God thus, what will hap to me?
Ah! even now drunken while your sweet
light beams,

You, far as Heaven, I am drunk on my
dreams.

Not yet, that glance engendered ecstasy,
That subtle, unspaced, mutual intimacy,
Whereby two spirits of one thought
commune,

Like separate instruments that play one
tune.

The music of my playing is lost in thine.
Does the sun see when no'nday torches
shine?

Mine is not yours though you have stolen
mine.

Beautiful thieves, I cannot captive ye,
Being so bound even as ye rifle me.

My limbs that moved in trembling
innocence

You harden to knowledge of experience
Till honour rings upon the ear as crime.

A BALLAD OF WHITECHAPEL

GOD'S mercy shines,
 And our full hearts must make record of this,
 For grief that burst from out its dark confines
 Into strange sunlit bliss.
 I stood where glowed
 The merry glare of golden whirling lights
 Above the monstrous mass that seethed
 and flowed
 Through one of London's nights.
 I watched the gleams
 Of jagged warm lights on shrunk faces
 pale.
 I heard mad laughter as one hears in
 dreams,
 Or Hell's harsh lurid tale.
 The traffic rolled,
 A gliding chaos populous of din.
 A steaming wail at doom the Lord had
 scrawled
 For perilous loads of sin.

And my soul thought,
 "What fearful land have my steps
 wandered to?
 God's love is everywhere, but here is
 naught
 Save love His anger slew."

And as I stood
 Lost in promiscuous bewilderment,
 Which to my mazed soul was wonder-
 food,
 A girl in garments rent

Peered 'neath lids shamed,
 And spoke to me and murmured to my
 blood.
 My soul stopped dead, and all my horror
 flamed
 At her forgot of God.

Her hungered eyes,
 Craving and yet so sadly spiritual,
 Shone like the unsmirched corner of a
 jewel
 Where else foul blemish lies.

I walked with her
 Because my heart thought, "Here the soul
 is clean,
 The fragrance of the frankincense and
 myrrh
 Is lost in odours mean."

She told me how
 The shadow of black death had newly
 come
 And touched her father, mother, even
 now
 Grim-hovering in her home,

Where fevered lay
 Her wasting brother in a cold bleak room,
 Which theirs would be no longer than a
 day—
 And then—the streets and doom.

Lord! Lord! dear Lord!
 I knew that life was bitter, but my soul
 Recoiled, as anguish-smitten by sharp
 sword,
 Grieving such body's dole.

Then grief gave place
 To a strange pulsing rapture as she spoke,
 For I could catch the glimpses of God's
 grace,
 And a desire awoke

To take this trust,
 And warm and gladden it with love's
 new fires,
 Burning the past to ashes and to dust
 Through purified desires.

We walked our way,
 One way hewn for us from the birth of
 Time.
 For we had wandered into Love's strange
 clime
 Through ways sin waits to slay.

Love's euphony,
 In Love's own temple that is our glad
 hearts,
 Makes now long music wild deliciously,
 Now Grief hath used his darts.

Love infinite,
 Chastened by sorrow, hallowed by pure
 flame—
 Not all the surging world can compass it.
 Love—love—O! tremulous name.

God's mercy shines.
 And my full heart hath made record of
 this,
 Of grief that burst from out its dark
 confines
 Into strange sunlit bliss.

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
BY THE BABYLONIAN HORDES

THEY left their Babylon bare
 Of all its tall men,
 Of all its proud horses;
 They made for Lebanon.

And shadowy sowers went
 Before their spears to sow
 The fruit whose taste is ash
 For Judah's soul to know.

They who bowed to the Bull god
 Whose wings roofed Babylon,
 In endless hosts darkened
 The bright-heavened Lebanon.

They washed their grime in pools
 Where laughing girls forgot
 The wiles they used for Solomon.
 Sweet laughter! remembered not.

Sweet laughter charred in the flame
 That clutched the cloud and earth
 While Solomon's towers crashed
 between,
 The gird of Babylon's mirth.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

ISAAC ROSENBERG was born on November 25th, 1890, at Bristol. In 1897 his family came to London and he attended elementary schools in Stepney until he was fourteen. He was then apprenticed as an engraver in a firm of "art publishers" and went to classes at the Art School of Birkbeck College in the evenings. He wanted to make painting his career, and in 1911, some time after his apprenticeship was over, three ladies (Mrs. Delissa Joseph, Mrs. E. D. Lowy, and Mrs. Herbert Cohen) provided the means for his training at the Slade School.

He continued to write poetry (he had begun when he was very young) and with the help and encouragement of his sister, now Mrs. I. Wynn, he circulated copies of his poems, winning the friendly interest of a number of writers and critics. In 1912 he published a pamphlet of poetry, the first of three that he had printed at his own expense. Neither his poetry nor his painting secured him any appreciable success materially. In 1914 he was told that his lungs were weak, and he therefore went to South Africa where another of his sisters was living. He came back to England in 1915, and after a time enlisted in the army. Early in 1916 he was sent to France, and on April 1st, 1918, he was killed in action.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

THE question of whether to reestablish the Sanhedrin or not was discussed at the opening of a national rabbinical conference in Jerusalem.

The major conflict during the parley is expected to develop between the forces represented by Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister for Religion, and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. The former favors immediate reorganization of the ancient Jewish council. He is also pressing for a campaign within the Israel Government to obtain greater rabbinical control over matters affecting marriage and inheritance. Rabbi Herzog is said to agree in principle that the Sanhedrin should be convened, but advocates that the rabbis of the entire world be consulted first.

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Peace talks between Israel and Egypt have reached the "serious stage."

Two meetings were recently held between representatives of the two states in a "country which is interested in peace in the Middle East." The delegates had informed their respective governments of the direction taken at the talks, and that both governments had approved of what had been accomplished thus far.

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The majority of the Lebanese people—Christian and Moslem alike—favor the initiation of direct peace talks between Lebanon and Israel as soon as the Jewish state and Jordan have negotiated a pact, it was reported in London from Beirut. The report added that cordial relations already exist between Jews in northern Israel and Arabs in southern Lebanon.

A resolution expressing "unalterable opposition" to the Garreau plan for the modified internationalization of Jerusalem was adopted unanimously by the National Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

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A striking declaration that the Arab states are in no position to make war on Israel for "a long period" was made in Geneva this week by Dr. Fadil Jamali, permanent Iraqi delegate to the United Nations and former Foreign Secretary.

The statement was made in an exclusive interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. In order to "avoid misunderstandings," Dr. Jamali gave written answers to questions put to him by the correspondent.

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The British Government's shipment of jet planes and other offensive weapons to Egypt was strongly denounced by Winston Churchill. The Conservative leader made his denunciation during a political speech at Leeds.

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A member of the Israel Cabinet and a former Minister in the Provisional Government appeared as witnesses in a libel trial in Tel Aviv involving an official of the Foreign Ministry and a Herut newspaper.

During the trial, the Herut organ raked up old charges that the Haganah had tortured and killed Yedidia Segal, an Irgunist whose body was found in December, 1947. Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira testified that he was on a commission which investigated the Segal case and admitted that the man might have been tortured before his death. However, he told the court that if he had been tortured it was done against the orders of Haganah headquarters.

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President Chaim Weizmann headed a delegation of prominent Israel officials who came here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Haifa Technion, the Jewish state's only school for advanced technical studies.

Dr. Shlomo Kaplinski, president of the institution, who was awarded an honorary doctorate by President Weizmann, reviewed the growth of the Technion in the past 25 years. He compared the 800 students now enrolled in the Technion with the 100 in 1924. One thousand engineers graduated from the institution, he reported.

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Israel Labor Minister Golda Myerson was awarded a United Nations medal for outstanding work in the social field. The

award was given by the international body to five women prominent in the affairs of different countries.

Three million trees were planted in Israel by thousands of children on the occasion of Chamish Asar B'Shvat. Saplings were planted in the Jerusalem area, western Galilee, eastern Galilee and in the Beersheba and Revivim areas of the Negev desert.

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Fifty new ambulances were presented to the Israel Army medical corps by the American Red Mogen Dovid, which has already made 131 ambulances available to this country.

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Nicola Milicevic, newly-appointed Yugoslav Minister to Israel, arrived in Tel Aviv. Also arriving were the British military attache and the Austrian consul.

Israel-Yugoslav radio-telephone communications were inaugurated when the Israel Minister in Belgrade spoke with the head of the Eastern European Division of the Foreign Ministry in Hakirya.

The Jewish Colonial Trust has been reconstructing its share registers which were damaged during the bombing of London, it was announced by the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

The announcement drew the attention of shareholders to the fact that many shares registered in the names of the original holders have in the course of the war years passed into the possession of their heirs and relatives without the proper formality of transfer. The Bank, therefore, advises the holders of the registered shares to communicate with the Jewish Colonial Trust in London in all cases where the shares they hold are registered in names other than their own. They are also advised to inform the Trust of any change of address which has occurred.

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Negotiations to widen the Israeli coalition government by bringing into the Cabinet representatives of the Mapam, left-wing group of the Socialist Party, reached a practical stage when Premier David Ben Gurion met personally with leaders of the Mapam.

NEWS OF THE CENTER

Special Music Services This Friday Evening

Center members are asked to take note of the fact that this Friday evening, February 24th, in honor of Jewish Music Month we shall hold a special service dedicated to Jewish music. There will be a sermon in song consisting of a number of beautiful selections which will be rendered by the combined Center Choral Ensemble of seventy male and female voices under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda. Cantor Sauler will also take part as soloist together with Miss Anne Bernstein. The program will include Liturgical, Yiddish, Folk, Chassidic and Palestinian melodies as follows: "The God of Abraham," "Hashkiveinu," "Roch V'roah," "Matai Yavo Hamashiach," "Ven Ich Volt Givein Der Boire Hoolom," and an Israel Potpourri. Rabbi Saltzman will preach a brief sermonette on "The Melody of Jewish Life." We hope that many of our members will make a special effort to attend these very inspiring services.

Advance Notice

Next Friday, March 3rd, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services Rabbi Lewittes will speak on "A Message of Purim."

Inta-League News

It was a grand old fashioned Bingo game for the Inta-League for their first meeting in February. There were prizes and refreshments, and a good time was had by all. For our second meeting there was a basketball game and dance and plans were arranged for a combination Purim carnival and UJA drive.

The planning committee is headed by Morton Bromberg. On February 18th a special treat was in store for us with a visit from representatives of the New York Cancer Committee who presented a film and lecture to educate us in the discovery and prevention of that dreaded disease. For our final meeting on February 25th we will be privileged to be visited by Rabbi Manuel Saltzman who will address the members of the Inta-League on some current topic.

Richard Tucker at Joseph Goldberg Reception

To mark the completion of thirty years of affiliation with our institution, the Brooklyn Jewish Center is arranging a Membership Reception in honor of Mr. Joseph Goldberg our Administrative Director. The celebration will be held on Thursday evening, March 23rd.

The committee on arrangements, headed by Dr. Moses Spatt, first Vice-President of the Center, is happy to announce that Richard Tucker, leading

tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company and former Cantor of the Center, will be the guest artist at the celebration. He will be accompanied by Mr. Sholom Secunda, noted composer and Music Director of the Center.

Upon receipt of invitations to this event, members will be required to please signify their desire to attend. Tickets of admission will then be forwarded to them.

Junior Club Activities

The Vivats were awarded first prize by the National Young Judea for their work in Arts and Crafts. This club has been devoting quite a bit of its time to arts and crafts, singing of Israeli songs and learning Israeli dances. Their discussions centered around Tu B'Shvat and the life of the young in Israel.

The Candlelites likewise learn dancing and Israeli songs and also work on arts and crafts projects. They discussed the significance of the Tu B'Shvat and read stories on Jewish life in Israel.

The Shomrim Club concentrated this past month on the discussion of the significance of Jewish education. Every member expressed his opinion and related his personal experiences in the Hebrew School which he attended. Discussions of topics on Jewish youth in Israel and America were held and game nights were a big feature. Tsosim had a very active month. The main topics of discussion were health care and Jewish charities. The members had game night where prizes were awarded to the winners.

Each club celebrated appropriately Tu B'Shvat and fruits were served to all.

The Junior Inta-League is making great strides. They likewise have a regular cultural program, followed by a social and dance. The club numbers about thirty members.

Junior League News

The Junior League's programs are continuing their usual spark and interest and the month of March promises some very enjoyable evenings. On March 2nd we

will have the usual first of the month social at which a "novelty charade" will be the highlight of the program. In celebrating Jewish Music Month we are fortunate in having Mr. Sholom Secunda at our next meeting on March 9th who will speak to us on the subject of Jewish Music. He will illustrate his address with records. For our meeting on March 16th we have invited a speaker from the American Council of Christians and Jews to discuss "What Progress Have We Made in Race Relations in America in 1949?" A representative of Federation Counseling Service will discuss the vital problem "What Job Opportunities Face the College Graduate of 1950?" at our meeting on March 23rd. On March 30th, Ted Karger will conduct another of his "square dance" and social evenings. Come dressed for the occasion.

Sabbath Services

Friday evening services at 5:15.

Kindling of candles at 5:21.

Sabbath services, Shabbat Zaka—"Terumah," Exodus 25:1-27:19, Deut. 25:17-19; Prophets—I Samuel 15:2-34, will commence at 8:30 a.m.

Mincha services at 5:15 p.m.

Rabbi Saltzman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Mr. Jacob S. Doner will deliver the lecture in Yiddish this Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Daily Services

Morning services at 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock.

Mincha services at 5:15 p.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

ARON, BENNET E.

Res. 517 Crown St.
Bus. Lawyer, 66 Court St.
Married

Proposed by Lawrence Meyer,
M. Robert Epstein

COHEN, Miss ELAINE

Res. 1059 Sutter Ave.

Proposed by Laura Ehrenberg,
Elayne Abrams

COHEN, HERBERT N.

Res. 1391 Union St.
Proposed by Dr. N. C. Murzin,
George Feldman

EPSTEIN, DR. I. LESLIE

Res. 1404 Union St.
Bus. Physician, 1245 Eastern Pkwy.
Married
Proposed by Dr. Samuel T. Markoff,
Dr. Samuel L. Siegler

FEINSTEIN, DR. SOL S.

Res. 1193 Carroll St.
Bus. Physician
Married

Proposed by Dr. B. Richman,
Samuel Chernoble

FENICHEL, Miss AYN

Res. 133 Bristol St.

FORMAN, MELVIN M.

Res. 1629 Carroll St.
Bus. Metal Stampings, 70 Grand St.
Single
Proposed by Benjamin and Howard
Forman

GELLER, SAMUEL H.

Res. 701 Empire Blvd.
Bus. Western Union
Married

Proposed by Bernard Fink,
Irving L. Weishar

GETTINGER, Miss BLANCHE

Res. 472 Hendrix St.
Proposed by Joel Rothstein,
Harriet Schulz

GITLIN, SAMUEL

Res. 1540 St. Marks Ave.
Bus. Assistant District Attorney
Married
Proposed by Dr. Jacob Schwartz,
Dr. David Kershner

GLABMAN, SOL

Res. 1609 Carroll St.
Bus. Laundry, 200 Junius St.
Single

Proposed by Benjamin Machlin,
Bernice Glabman

GIINER, Miss PAULINE

Res. 121 E. 57th St.
Proposed by Nat Gurwitch,
Florence Zohn

GOOR, Miss ANN

Res. 838—47th St.

GREENBERG, DR. MORRIS W.

Res. 438 Crown St.
Bus. Surgeon, 755 Ocean Ave.
Married
Proposed by Montague T. Alterman,
Joseph Jaspan

HALPERN, ROBERT

Res. 9502 Kings Hwy.
Bus. Printing, 111 Chester St.
Married
Proposed by Harry Gumer,
Louis Weber

HERZLICH, DR. JACOB

Res. 608 Amboy St.
Bus. Physician, 563 Ocean Ave.
Married

HOROWITZ, Miss FLORENCE

Res. 362 Degraw St.
Proposed by Sheila Sroka

JORDAN, LEONARD M.

Res. 1220 E. 39th St.
Bus. Brews, 36 Forrest St.
Single
Proposed by N. Bruce Freeman,
Hy Gold

KALB, Miss JUDITH

Res. 1584 St. Johns Pl.
Bus. Lawyer, 225 Bway.
Single

Proposed by Jane Ellentuck,
Grace Ringhel

KALTER, Miss ELISE

Res. 15 Bristol St.

KASTNER, HERBERT

Res. 1391 Union St.
Bus. Store Fronts, 14 Cooper Sq.
Married
Proposed by Dr. N. C. Murzin,
George Feldman

KAUFMAN, Miss ELAYNE S.

Res. 690 Rogers Ave.
Proposed by Harold Kalb

KLEIN, SOL

Res. 16 E. 54th St.
Bus. Toys, 627 Bway.
Married

Proposed by Jacob Klein,
Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes

LASS, Miss HARRIET

Res. 1333 St. Johns Pl.
Proposed by Muriel Goldsmith,
Nan Zinn

LEVY, MORTON

Res. 140 Clarkson Ave.
Bus. Window Dressing
Married
Proposed by Jerry Cole

MARKOFSKY, Miss ETHEL

Res. 453 Powell St.

MILLMAN, Miss SYLVIA

Res. 4 Suydam St.

MORROS, LEONARD

Res. 990 Montgomery St.
Bus. Ohrbach's
Single
Proposed by Irv. Markinson,
Charlotte Griboff

PANARICK, DR. HARRIS I.

Res. 232 E. 96th St.
Bus. Dentist
Single
Proposed by Seymour Eisenstadt

ROBBINS, Miss HILDA

Res. 307 Martense St.
Proposed by Harry Zucker,
David Gold

SCHUBERT, MACK

Res. 38 Cooper St.
Proposed by Albert Joley

SHAPEY, Miss LAURA

Res. 1225 Eastern Pkwy.

SIEGEL, Miss DOROTHY M.

Res. 3056 Br. 7th St.
Proposed by Shirley Tepper,
Joyce Weiner

SILBER, CHARLES

Res. 21 Maple St.
Bus. Lumber, West New York, N. J.
Married
Proposed by Dr. Maurycy Silber,
Jos. Waxenberg

SOLOMON, STANLEY M.

Res. 35 Linden Blvd.
Bus. Sportswear, 108 W. 39th St.
Single

STERNBERG, Miss VIOLET

Res. 2160 Dean St.
Proposed by Grace Ringhel,
Jane Ellentuck

TABIN, Miss FRANCES

Res. 185 Penn St.
Proposed by Jack Dolgin

The following has applied for reinstatement:

MITZNER, Miss LYNN

Res. 168 East 93rd St.

Proposed by Joel Rothstein,
M. Bruckner

Late Applications:

FRECHTER, Miss RUTH

Res. 758 Albany Ave

Proposed by Muriel Cutler,
Beverly Cohen

LEVINE, SAMUEL

Res. 139 E. 92nd St.

Bus. Restaurant, 1753 Fulton St.
Single

MASON, Miss ANNE E.

Res. 370 E. 52nd St.

Proposed by Muriel Cutler,
Beverly Cohen

MASON, Miss RITA

Res. 370 E. 52nd St.

Proposed by Muriel Cutler,
Beverly Cohen

RAEMER, HAROLD S.

Res. 1723 E. 14th St.

Bus. Pharmacy, 39 Grant Sq.
Married

Proposed by Paul Shulman,
Herbert M. Gladstone

SHENIRMAN, Miss SHIRLEY

Res. 212 Crown St.

Proposed by Milton Reiner

SAMUEL H. GOLDBERG,
Chairman, Membership Committee.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Linett of 1474 President Street on the marriage of their son, Richard A., to Miss Alexandra Grimm, on February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mendelsohn of 302 Eastern Parkway on the marriage of their daughter, Irene to Mr. Ralph Berke on February 9th.

Purim in the Center Academy

In the Center Academy the children learn the Jewish way of life by actually "living" it, and holidays offer the best opportunity for bringing home to the children such a Jewish way of life. For weeks boys and girls, with the help and guidance of their teachers, are busy preparing for the festivals, writings, composing music and building scenery for plays in which they act, sing and dance.

In The Hebrew School

THE Choral Group, under the direction of Mr. Sholom Secunda and Mr. Naf-tali Frankel, is busily engaged in preparing for the annual Purim Operetta which will take place on Sunday, March 5, 1950. The Operetta is called "A Purim House Party" and contains traditional music arranged by Mr. Secunda.

The performance on March 5th will be restricted to the students of our school. A second performance will be given for the P.T.A. at which time all members of the Center are cordially invited to attend.

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In honor of Jewish Music Month, assemblies were held on Sunday, February 12th, and Sunday, February 19th. Mr. Secunda gave illustrated lectures on types of Jewish music. Vocal and instrumental illustrations followed the lecture.

Other recent assemblies included stories by Rabbi Lewittes and Mr. Irvin Rubin.

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The student publication "Hashofar" appeared on February 15, 1950. It included contributions by

Sol Tanenzapf—Should Jerusalem Be the Jewish Capital or Should It Be Internationalized? Why?

Sol Tanenzapf—Is the UN Fair to Israel?

Shoshana Rabinowitz—Life in the New Land.

Robert Gnaizda—What the G. O. is Doing.

Abraham Cohen—The Bird and the Bread (Hebrew story).

Paula Spinnrad—David in the Country (Hebrew).

Barbara A. Kaplan—Tu B'Shevat.

Paul Kushner—Terry, the Tree.

The faculty adviser is Mr. Leo Shpall.

The art work is under the direction of Mr. Hyman Campeas.

At present our pupils are busy preparing for the Purim celebration. It will be held on Friday, March 3rd at 11:00 A.M. in the Auditorium. The program promises to be varied and interesting and it will, at the same time, offer a glimpse of the inner workings of the school.

The Sunday School G. O. is sponsoring a book sale, proceeds of which are to go to the Keren Ami. Students contributed books which were purchased by other students. The adviser of the G. O. is Miss Hannah Wiedman.

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The Sunday School G. O. is conducting its annual campaign in conjunction with the Hebrew Educators Committee. The current project is called "Our Heroes Memorial Fund" and is in honor of American Jews who joined the ranks of the Haganah and fell on the battlefields of Israel. Among the heroes are: William Bernstein, Milton Geberer, Ari Lashner, David Marcus, Moshe Perlstein, Dov Seligman, Takov Klein and Benny Boguslowsky.

The funds raised will be invested in building children's homes in pioneering settlements in Israel.

Young Married Group

The last meeting of the Young Married Group held on February 8th in observance of Jewish Music Month, was a huge success. Hats off to Ira Brodsky for a fine job of M. C'ing and for arranging a real old fashioned musical quiz contest with husbands and wives glaring at each other on either side of the mike. Luckily for all concerned, the score was tied—otherwise . . . Three cheers too for the excellent professional talent in the persons of Stan Harper, harmonica virtuoso, Shirley Sharky, vocalist, and Shirley Goldstein, pianist. A very enjoyable evening was topped off by an always welcome bagel and lox repast.

For our next meeting, on March 8th, we will celebrate Purim with a new twist to the traditional masquerade. Head-dresses will be the order of the day. We would like every one to come with some sort of head disguise or decoration. Prizes will be awarded for the most beautiful and most original. An evening of games and fun is planned under the direction of Irv and Laura Rubin. And, of course, the traditional hamentaschen will be served. All married sons and daughters of Center members are cordially invited to attend.

PAGING SISTERHOOD!

Purim is traditionally a happy season. With the reading of the Megillah, punctuated by the accompaniment of the "gragger" at each mention of cruel Haman's name, we usher in the festive holiday. Hamantaschen, Shalach Monath and masquerade carnivals are festive reminders of the faith, charity and courage of Queen Esther. Women may well feel inspired by her heroism, and learn to make the needs and aspirations of our people our own.

SARAH KLINGHOFFER.

General Meeting of January 23

A brief social hour with refreshments marking Chamisha Oser B'shvat preceded our active business program, which included participation reports in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies drive, a plea by Torah Chairman Mary Kahn for membership co-operation in our Torah Luncheon, to be held on March 8th, an account by Rose Wiener of the 30th Convention of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, which featured "1950—Year of Re-evaluation," and honored noted women of achievement. Sisterhood members are invited to the following groups of lecture series: Our own "Modern Family" series, given at the Center, in conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women; another given by the Women's Institute of Jewish Studies at the Seminary, 3080 Broadway, and the FJWO series, "Effective Speech for Daily Life." It is hoped that our women will avail themselves of these courses of study. Ask us for the dates and places where these talks are being given.

Sisterhood received several invitations to be the guest of neighbor-congregations at meetings of particular interest. In her capacity as Social Actions Chairman, Bea Schaeffer read resolutions on the DP bill and the Genocide measure, which she was sending to Washington. After a greeting by Sid Ottenstein, Bea Schaeffer, chairman for the afternoon, gave a brief introduction to the purposes and ideals of the Brandeis University, named after

the late Supreme Court Justice, Louis D. Brandeis, illustrious father of our guest, Susan Brandeis. Her subject, "Higher Education for American Jewry," linked American-Jewish ambitions together with the need for a non-sectarian University like Brandeis, the only Jewish-sponsored college in the United States.

Cheer Fund

Contributions gratefully acknowledged from Mesdames S. Flamm, I. Green, Gray, S. Kaufman and S. Klinghoffer.

United Jewish Appeal

Chairman "Hershey" Kaplan urges all members to attend the March 1st Rally, at 10:30, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Guest speakers are Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, author and columnist, Max Lerner, and other notables.

National Campaigns

Send your contributions, through Sisterhood, to the Red Cross, March of Dimes and Boy Scout Drives. Brooklyn Jewish Center should be recognized as

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He carried on the high ideals of his great ancestor—one of the moulders of the Chassidic movement, the Rabbi of Ladi—who strove to combine the fervor of Chassidism with love of Torah study.

We shall have an opportunity to discuss further his work and his influence. We want to record, however, our sense of sorrow in his death. All Jews, whether they accepted his philosophy of Jewish life or not, appreciate the service he rendered his faith and his people, and his memory will remain a blessing.

ISRAEL MATZ — A MAECENAS OF HEBREW CULTURE

ALL lovers of the Hebrew language and all who are interested in the growth of our Hebrew culture mourn the death of the great patron of Hebrew—Israel Matz. He was a modest, a most unassuming personality. He sought no honors and shunned all praise. And yet he was deserving of the greatest

an active participant in communal and national fields.

Kiddush

March 18, Mrs. Hausner will sponsor a Kiddush for the Junior Congregation. March 25, Mrs. Mildred Levine will hostess a Kiddush in honor of her grandson's birthday.

Sisterhood Friday Night Service

Inaugurating an annual practice, Sisterhood will be privileged on March 10, to conduct the services, in which the following women will take part: Mesdames Ruth Bernhardt, Sarah Epstein, Hannah Jaffe and Lil Lowenfeld. With Bea Schaeffer as chairman, an interesting and timely panel on "The Role of the Jewish Women Today" will be presented from these points of view: Mrs. Sarah Kushner, President of the Hebrew School PTA, will speak on "The Jewish Woman and Her Child"; Mrs. Mildred Levine, President of the Eastern Parkway Chapter of Hadassah, on "The Jewish Woman and Israel"; and Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, President of our Sisterhood, will discuss "The Jewish Woman and the Synagogue." Sisterhood will act as hostess to the entire congregation at the Oneg Shabbath following the services.

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honors and praise for his unbounded beneficence in behalf of the renaissance of Zion and the revival of our national culture.

The writer was privileged to be one of the original trustees of the Israel Matz Foundation, which he founded more than twenty-five years ago to give financial support to sick and helpless Hebrew writers and to their widows and families. In these twenty-five years, more than \$400,000 was distributed to creators of Hebrew literature in all parts of the world. It was a living monument that he created—alas, the only one in behalf of Hebrew culture. Many of the great works in Hebrew literature would never have been published were it not for the goodness of Israel Matz.

He was a supporter of every worthwhile cause in the community, but his love of and devotion to Hebrew was *Keneged Kulom*, it outweighed everything else. May his life and service be an inspiration to all of us.

—ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL.

The Younger Membership

United Jewish Appeal Drive:

On Tuesday evening, March 14th, at 9:00 p.m., the Young Folks League will bring to a climax its efforts to raise in pledges and direct contributions a sum of money commensurate with its numbers.

It is hardly necessary to point out that the need for funds is now more urgent than ever. Let us prove ourselves equal to the task which the Almighty has set before us. Let us prove ourselves worthy of being part of the community of Jews which witnessed the rebirth of Israel.

National Y. P. L. Convention:

The 23rd Annual National Convention of the Young Peoples Leagues of the United Synagogues of America, with which our own Young Folks League is affiliated, will be held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y. over the week-end of March 24-26.

Advance reports indicate that this convention will surpass in attendance and programming even those great conventions of years previous. The program will include nationally-known speakers, a full Broadway show, dancing to two orchestras, a cocktail party, workshops, banquets, consultation service, elections, and installation of the national officers of Y.P.L. for the coming year.

Make your reservations now at our Tuesday night meetings.

Late Friday Night Services:

It is heartening to see the ever-increasing number of our Young Folks League members who attend the Late Friday Night Services and the Oneg Shabbat which follows for the members of our League and their guests. We hope, through Palestinian song and dance, to give greater meaning to the celebration of the Sabbath, to instill greater joy and happiness in its celebration. We hope also to have a discussion of the evening's sermon.

Those who have not attended Services and the Oneg Shabbat thus far have missed the pleasure that those who did participate have enjoyed.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 28—U. S. Army Signal Corps; 83-minute film, "Nuremburg,"

depicting the Nuremburg trials—8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7—At a Purim celebration of Y.F.L., Mr. Harry Blickstein, member of our Board of Trustees, will speak on the development of Jewish humor.

Tuesday, March 14—United Jewish Appeal Night.

Tuesday, March 21—Dramatic Group Presentation.

MILTON REINER, *President*.

Condolence

We extend our most heartfelt expressions of sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Benjamin Werbelovsky of 527 Crown Street, on the loss of her beloved mother, Mrs. Rose Cohen, on February 15th.

Center Library

The library of the Center is open to members on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 6:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., and on Sundays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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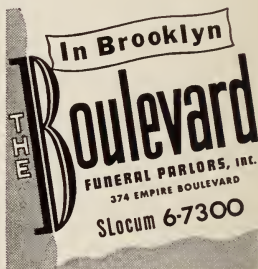
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—JOHN RUSKIN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER

DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT, EMANUEL GREENBERG

At the Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Jewish Center held on January 26th the following report on the activities for 1949 was given by the President.

SEVERAL weeks ago in his State of the Union Message, the President of the United States reported that the condition of the country was "good." Similarly, I, too, can happily report (though we have a much smaller budget at our disposal) that the condition of the Brooklyn Jewish Center is quite good. The year which has just come to a close has been a most active one and we have every reason to be proud of our accomplishments. This does not mean that we have not been faced with difficult problems, the solution of which occupied the minds of your officers, directors and members of committees.

MEMBERSHIP

One of these problems was that of membership. As of December 31, 1949, our membership numbered 2,531 (1,549 married and 982 single). At the last Annual Meeting, I reported a membership of 2,507, of which 1,623 were married members and 884 single members. The Membership Committee and the Board of Trustees took cognizance of the fact that the percentage of unmarried members has risen considerably since the end of the last world war. This was not entirely unexpected. The desire on the part of our young people to affiliate themselves with a Jewish institution and thus become part and parcel of American Jewish life should, of course, be strongly encouraged. The oft-repeated statement that the youth join Synagogue Centers for other purposes than that of religion may be true in some cases, but it is far from being the general rule. Those who witnessed the special Sabbath services sponsored by our Young Folks League were, no doubt, thrilled as I was with the impressive way in which the services were conducted by the members of the group. Religion may not be the main reason for these new members joining our Center but they cannot help but become imbued with the religious and cultural

atmosphere that permeates our institution. Those who thirty-one years ago had the vision to erect this edifice have often stated that they were not building it for themselves but for the youth of the community. We should, therefore, be well satisfied that the younger generation is with us in ever-increasing numbers. It is the responsibility of all of us, the lay leaders and the rabbis, to see to it that their activities are directed into the proper channels and that they are made aware of their duty to our faith and to our people. Because it is the tendency of the single people to permit their membership to lapse after several years, thought should be given to the problem of retaining them. The Membership Committee will also have to devise means of enrolling a larger number of married members from among those residing in our community since our experience has shown that the turnover in family membership is much smaller than among the single members.

CENTER ACADEMY

A problem that has given us considerable concern is that of making the Center Academy an integral part of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The school was organized twenty-one years ago as a progressive all-day school combining instruction in Hebrew and secular subjects. It made a genuine contribution to the cause of Jewish education and has blazed the trail for the organization of similar schools in various parts of the country. For reasons that I cannot go into now, we have permitted the Center Academy to become a separate entity without control and supervision on the part of the parent institution (congregation itself). In an attempt to remedy this condition, a committee headed by Mr. Harry Blickstein has been appointed recently and we are looking forward eagerly to recommendations that will bring about a closer relationship between the school and the Center and that will attempt to solve the financial problems of the Academy so that it may be able to continue its useful existence in the years to come.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Those of us who attend the religious services at the Center (and I wish there were more of you participating in them) derive a real spiritual joy from the splendid improvements we made in the past few years. The messages coming from the pulpit are truly gems that lift the heart and inspire the hearers to a greater love for our Torah and our people. The musical portion of the service was warmly received. The formation of the congregational singing group under the capable leadership of our Music Director, Mr. Sholom Secunda, has brought about a tremendous improvement in our services and has encouraged our worshippers to a greater participation in the singing of religious melodies. It is no wonder that our services are so well attended and that our Synagogue is crowded week in and week out with hundreds of men and women who share in a service that is unique in its beauty and religious fervor.

Similarly, the attendance at the late Friday Evening Lecture Services has been most satisfactory. It is a genuine pleasure to witness the large number of congregants who crowd the Synagogue in their eagerness to listen to the interesting sermons delivered by Dr. Levinthal, Rabbi Saltzman, Rabbi Lewittes or guest speakers. To improve the musical portion of these services, we arranged for the participation on several Friday evenings of the Congregational Singing Group, together with the Brooklyn Jewish Center Choral Group, and have had special programs in keeping with the spirit of each occasion.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

We have always taken pride in the educational activities conducted by the institution. The following figures of last year's registration in our schools are testimony to the extent of our work in inculcating the minds of our children with Jewish spirit and learning. The Afternoon Hebrew School had a registration of 309 children; the number of boys and girls attending the Religious School was

301; the Center Academy registration was 164. The total number of children receiving their Jewish education in the Center is 774—a most impressive figure. The lack of space to properly house these schools has hampered us in many respects. We managed to adjust ourselves to the needs although it was most difficult and trying for those in charge of school management. The recent remodelling of the 912 Lincoln Place building to provide additional classroom facilities was most helpful. The Center schools are now using three of the four buildings owned by the institution on Lincoln Place.

The Center Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults has provided valuable education for 211 men and women in the community. A number of the students are registered for more than one course, making the class registration total 315. The Institute offers courses in Jewish History, Religion, Talmud, Bible, Hebrew Literature, Hebrew, Yiddish and Prayer Book. It is one of the few schools in the country where the adults pursue intensive studies throughout the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

I wish time permitted me to stress many other departments sponsored by the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The hundreds of members who joined our ranks during the past year and many of our old members as well, would thus become acquainted with the many activities that have helped to make the institution the bee-hive that it is. I shall limit myself to but a brief mention of these activities and I know that the heads of the departments will bear with me and forgive my brevity.

The Forum has been conducted on a bi-monthly basis and the attendance has been most gratifying. True to its reputation as a leading platform for the discussion of topics of interest by men and women of national reputation, the Forum has been privileged to present during the past year such personalities as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Aubrey Eban, Max Lerner and others whose stimulating and thought-provoking messages were eagerly listened to by large audiences.

The Library, comprising about nine thousand volumes in Hebrew, English and Yiddish, has rendered valuable service to the members and the community.

The Physical Training Department has

been utilized by a great many of our members of all ages. The total attendance of 42,278 during 1949 attests to its popularity.

Our publications, the monthly magazine, *The Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*, the weekly *Bulletin*, and the annual *Center Diary* have been of splendid help in keeping our members informed of events in the life of our institution and of events in Jewish life throughout the world.

The Sisterhood had a most active season and its events have been well planned and well attended. The organization has embarked upon new ventures that were of great interest to the women of the Center.

The Young Folks League is doing a splendid job in providing social and educational programs for the younger members.

We have recently organized the Young Married Couples Group. Its success has been instantaneous which proves that there was a need for such an organization in our institution. They have held a number of lively gatherings and the discussions at meetings were most instructive.

The monthly social gatherings of our membership have now become a permanent institution. The Social Committee has always endeavored to arrange programs that are dignified and enjoyable. Through these meetings our members become aware of what is going on at the Center during the season and it gives them an opportunity to meet their fellow-members and to learn to know them more intimately.

There are twelve clubs for the youth that function under the auspices of the Center. They are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Saltzman, who helped to plan their social, cultural and recreational programs.

In addition to remodelling 912 Lincoln Place, we have made considerable improvement in our main building during the past year. The Synagogue was redecorated, and glass partitions were installed. We soundproofed the second floor lobby and improved our Auditorium, Locker Room, Gymnasium and Swimming Pool by installing glass brick windows. We installed new oil burners and made many other needed repairs.

Special committees were active in fund-raising activities for important causes with results that were really gratifying. About \$1,750,000. was raised from our members for the United Jewish Appeal. It may be of interest to you to know that these contributions were made by more than 1,500 members of the Center, exclusive of single members who contributed to the Junior Division and the wives of our members who contributed through the Women's Division. The campaign for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies will most likely reach the sum of \$500,000. Campaigns were also conducted for the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Yeshiva University.

Throughout my seven years of service as your President, I have been blessed with the wholehearted cooperation of many of our members to whom I am deeply grateful. Foremost among them were my capable and devoted officers: Our Vice-Presidents, Dr. Moses Spatt and Mr. Hyman Aaron; our Treasurer, Mr. David Goodstein; and our Secretary, Mr. Frank Schaeffer. They were most helpful in solving the day to day problems, for which we owe them our sincere thanks. The members of the Board of Trustees and Governing Board, the Chairmen and members of Committees, the officers of the Sisterhood and of the Young Married Couples Group and of the Young Folks League have all earned our deep gratitude because they so ably conducted the activities of their respective groups.

As usual, we availed ourselves of the wisdom and loyal cooperation of our revered Rabbi, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal. During the month of November, he completed thirty years of service to the Brooklyn Jewish Center. These were thirty years of a happy and fruitful relationship between the institution and a great spiritual leader. We are thankful to the Almighty for having blessed us with the spiritual ministrations of Rabbi Levinthal and pray that this blessing be continued for a great many more years.

To our Administrative Director, Mr. Joseph Goldberg, we are deeply indebted for much of the progress of the institution. He has toiled without stint and at great sacrifice to himself for the betterment of our institution. Last November he, too, completed thirty years of affilia-

tion with the Brooklyn Jewish Center and I am pleased to announce that following resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees and the Governing Board, a committee headed by Dr. Moses Spatt was appointed to properly mark this occasion. The plans mapped out by the Committee will be announced in due time.

Our two Assistant Rabbis, Manuel Saltzman and Mordecai H. Lewittes, are deserving of our thanks for their devotion to the cause of the Center. They have been of real help to Rabbi Levinthal and the Center in capably handling the tasks assigned to them.

My gratitude is also expressed to our Librarian, Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz; our Cantor, Rev. William Sauler; our Music Director, Mr. Sholom Secunda; our Sexton, Rev. Meyer Rogoff; the faculties of all our schools and all members of the staff for their loyal and unstinted service to the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

We have just passed the half-way mark of the twentieth century. The first fifty years have been "crises years" to world Jewry. Two world wars have devastated the European Jewish community and greatly decimated our numbers. Life in Palestine was marked by constant struggle against mighty forces culminating in the successful battle for Jewish independence and the present cold war for Jerusalem.

During this era of perpetual crisis our institution, the Brooklyn Jewish Center, has played no insignificant part in rallying the world's largest Jewish community, the Brooklyn community, to the support of our brethren in Europe and to the establishment of the State of Israel.

But it is not in a spirit of nostalgic retrospect that I look back at the last fifty years, in spite of the fact that there

are moments which many of us will never forget, both in the history of our people and in the history of our institution.

Rather do I look to the future, to the second half of this century, a half century which I hope will be devoid of all crisis and will be described by the future historians as the half century of Jewish normalcy.

But, let us not delude ourselves, for perhaps more than an era of crisis, an era of normalcy presents a greater challenge to Jewish existence and survival. We cannot deny that the enemies of our people have effected in the past fifty years, a greater return to Judaism than have the positive values of Judaism themselves. In the next fifty years, the still small voice of Judaism will have to resound and re-echo louder and louder in our lives and in the lives of our people. To this purpose we shall dedicate ourselves in the years to come.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 1949

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURES AND SERVICES

"The Problem of Religion in the New State of Israel"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 7th.

"Reflections on Anti-Semitism"—Rabbi Saltzman—Jan. 14th.

"Recent Impressions of Israel"—Maurice M. Boukstein—Jan. 21st.

"The Chosen People Choose a Government"—Rabbi Saltzman—Jan. 28th.

"An Early Chapter in Zionist History Worthy of Remembrance"—Rabbi Levinthal—Feb. 4th.

"The Right to be Different—A Brotherhood Sermon"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 11th.

"Music's Mystic Power"—Rabbi Levinthal—Musical Service rendered by Center Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Feb. 18th.

"Washington and Weizmann First Presidents"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 25th.

"The Present Conflict in Jewish Leadership—Dare We Permit It"—Rabbi Levinthal—Mar. 4th.

"The State of Israel as I Saw It"—Mrs. Sophie Udin Gindul—Mar. 11th.

"What Now for American Zionists?"—Rabbi Saltzman—Mar. 18th.

"Modern Hebrew"—Rabbi Lewittes—

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL RECREATIONAL SOCIAL

Mar. 25th.

Concluding Late Friday Night Services dedicated to Post Bar Mitzvah Class—Rabbi Levinthal, Rabbi Saltzman and Rabbi Lewittes, speakers—Post Bar Mitzvah awards distributed—Musical Service by Choral Ensemble led by Sholom Secunda—Apr. 1.

"Jerusalem—The Heart of Israel"—Rabbi Levinthal—Nov. 4th.

"Religion and Atomic Control"—Rabbi Saltzman—Nov. 11th.

"Max Nordau—A Notable Anniversary"—Rabbi Lewittes—Nov. 18th.

"Praise in Distress—A Thanksgiving Sermon"—Rabbi Saltzman—Nov. 25th.

"The Time Is Now"—Mr. Daniel Frisch, President of Z.O.A.—Dec. 2nd.

"From Trial and Error to Achievement and Glory—A Tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann on His Seventy-fifth Birthday"—Dr. Levinthal, Dec. 9th.

"The Light of Heaven on Earth"—A Chanukah Sermon—Rabbi Saltzman—Dec. 16th.

"Annual Youth Services"—Mr. Pesach Kraus and Miss Ziporah Borowsky, speakers—Dec. 23rd.

"Annual College Students Services"—Project of Junior League—Theme: "College Youth and American Life"—Participants: Barbara Spielman, Doris Ohlsen, Daniel Gaba and Joel Sugar—Dec. 30th.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Mar. 14th.

First Day of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman—Apr. 14th and 15th.

Concluding Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman—Apr. 20th and 21st.

Shevuoth Services—Followed by Consecration Services—June 3rd.

Shevuoth Services—Second Day—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Cantor Sauler officiated on both days—June 4th.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—June 18th.

Tisha B'Ab Services—Aug. 3rd and 4th.

Slichot Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Choir under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Sept. 17th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 24th.

Second Day of Rosh Hashonah—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman—Sept. 25th.

Rosh Hashonah Services in the Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman, first day—Sermon by Rabbi Lewittes, second day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 2nd.

Kol Nidre Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 3rd.

Yom Kippur Services in Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman—Oct. 3rd.

Junior Congregation Services during High Holy Days under leadership of Rabbi Lewittes.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 8th.

Second Day of Succoth—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman—Oct. 9th.

Concluding Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 15th and 16th.

MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS

Debate—"Our Foreign Policy—What Is It Leading To?"—Prof. J. Raymond Walsh vs. George Hamilton Combs—Jan. 10th.

Debate—"Shall Teachers' Political Beliefs or Associations Affect Their Right to Teach in Our Schools?"—Murray Baron vs. Samuel Wallach—Jan. 24th.

George Fielding Eliot—"Must We Fight Russia?"—Feb. 14th.

Dr. Murray Banks—"How to Live With Yourself"—Feb. 28th.

Major Aubrey S. Eban—"Israel Among Nations"—Mar. 28th.

Max Lerner—"World Problems As I See Them"—Nov. 21st.

"The Accomplishments and Failures of the United Nations"—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt—Dec. 5th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: "Which Type of Education Is Most Desirable for the American Jewish Child?"—Participants: Mr. Moses H. Hoinig on "The Yeshiva Elementary School"—Dr. I. David Satlow on "The Progressive Integrated All-Day School"—Mr. Frank Schaeffer on "The Afternoon Hebrew School"—Mar. 21st.

Symposium: "Do We Need Compulsory Federal Health Insurance?"—Speakers: Edward T. Welch, Secretary,

Society of Medical Jurisprudence, and Dr. Allan Emanuel, former Captain, U. S. Medical Corps—Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, Moderator—Dec. 19th.

YIDDISH EVENINGS

Yiddish Literary and Musical Evening—Arranged on the appearance of the Yiddish Anthology of Hebrew poetry by Mordecai Jaffe—Participants: Mordecai Dantzes, Mark Schweid, Moshe Starkman, Dr. Abraham Asen, A. L. Baron, Sholom Secunda, Martha Bleiberg, Miss Golub, Israel Zuckerberg and daughter Breindele—Mar. 9th.

An Evening of Yiddish Literature—Dedicated to Nachom Bornze on the publication of his book of poetry "A Chasanah in Herbst"—Participants: Abraham Reisen, Moshe Starkman, Dr. S. H. Simon, Saul Maltz, Ziporah Feinsilver—June 13th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Jan. 27th.

Board of Trustees Dinner to Mr. Jacob L. Holtzmann in honor of his election as a member of the Board of Regents of the State of New York—Feb. 17th.

Membership Social—Musical program by Gizella Worth, Concert Violinist, and Nathaniel Sprinzena, Leading Tenor, New York City Center Opera Co.—Mar. 16th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 13th and 14th.

Membership Social—Musical program by Norman Young, Baritone, and Elaine Malben, Lyric Soprano—May 16th.

Dinner in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal—David Hacohen, Guest Speaker—May 12th.

Participation in "Music Under the Stars" at Ebets Field—June 16th.

Membership Social—Entertainment by Larry Best, Comedian, and Hannah Kipnis, Palestinian Folk Singer—Oct. 13th.

Testimonial Dinner to Mr. Morris Miller in behalf of the Yeshiva University—Oct. 27th.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for members—Nov. 24th.

Dinner in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies—Dec. 1st.

Membership Social—Chanukah Festival—Cantata "Toward a New Day"—Cantor William Sauler in a program of Chanukah songs—Dec. 15th.

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance—Dec. 31st.

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 24th—Meeting—Report of Women's League Convention by Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld and Mrs. Isaac Wiener—Cantata "Give Honor to Torah"—Participants: Mrs. Morris B. Levine, Mrs. M. Robert Epstein and Mrs. Sidney S. Leonard.

Feb. 17th—Sisterhood hostess to Brooklyn Sisterhoods affiliated with the United Synagogue—Musical and dramatic presentation "This Is The Moment" under the direction of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

Mar. 9th—Torah Scholarship Fund Luncheon—Guest Speaker, Esther Gershon of India—Musical program by Ingrid Rypynski, Mezzo-Soprano.

Mar. 21st—Meeting—Presentation of film "Land of Hope" with Jose Ferrer as narrator—Discussion of "Our Jewish Heritage" by Lila Leonard and "The United Nations at Work" by Jeannette Richman.

Apr. 25th—Presentation of annual "Jewish Home Beautiful" pageant—Rabbi Saltzman, Narrator—Musical program by Cantor Sauler and Mrs. Ann Bernstein, Soprano.

Apr. 28th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Tea at the home of Mrs. Phillip Brenner.

May 11th—Participation in "Blind Day" at the Hotel St. George.

May 12th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Tea at home of Mrs. Isaac Levingson.

May 23rd—Meeting—Sisterhood Players presented "A Way of Life" under the direction of Lila Leonard—Participants: Sarah Epstein, Shirley Gluckstein, Sylvia Horowitz, Mary Kahn, Marjorie Lovett, Jeannette Richman, Beatrice Schaeffer—Election of officers and Executive Board.

May 25th and 31st—Guided Tour of the United Nations at Lake Success.

May 26th—Participation in Dessert-Luncheon in behalf of United Jewish Appeal at the Center in cooperation with the Hebrew School P.T.A. and Deborah and Eastern Parkway Hadassah Groups.

June 8th—Installation of Officers and Members of the Executive Board—Musical program by Isobel Walters, Soprano—Guest Speaker, Mrs. Emanuel Siner, National Vice-President of Women's League.

June 9th—Rally in behalf of United Jewish Appeal held on Center Roof.

June 9th—Closing Executive Board meeting and luncheon—Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer, hostess.

Sept. 19th—Opening meeting of season—Musical program by Irene and Sylvia Rosenberg, Pianist and Violinist—Dr. Levinthal, speaker.

Oct. 17th—Meeting—Showing of film "Israel's House of Wisdom"—Address by Mrs. Marvin Potash, President of Midwood Branch League of Women Voters.

Oct. 19th—Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

Nov. 9th—Participation in campaign for Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Nov. 14th—Participation in "Night of Stars" at Madison Square Garden.

Nov. 28th—Institute Day—Speakers: Rabbi Max Kirschblum, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Rabbi Alan A. Steinbach, Rabbi Manuel Saltzman—Musical program by Mrs. Ann Bernstein and Cantor Sauler.

Dec. 7th—Tour of Jewish Museum.

Dec. 12th—Meeting—Welcome to new members—Book Review of Arthur Koestler's "Promise and Fulfillment" by Mrs. Fay Schenck—Musical program by Bella Tillis.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

Jan. 13th—Opening Meeting inaugurating the newly organized group comprising of all young married couples. Entertainment and refreshments.

Feb. 17th—Meeting—Social evening and entertainment.

Mar. 10th—Gala pre-Purim Social—Program of songs, games and dances.

Mar. 24th—Card Party—Proceeds to the United Jewish Appeal.

Apr. 7th—Election of Officers—pre-Passover Affair—An evening of sociability and entertainment.

May 12th—Meeting—Social evening.

May 21st—Buffet Supper and Dance in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal—Music by Ira Brodsky.

June 9th—Meeting—Dr. Johann Auerbach, Psychiatrist, speaker on "Marriage and the Family."

Oct. 12th—Meeting—Address: "Why a Kosher Home?" by Rabbi Saltzman.

Nov. 9th—Presentation of an "Eternal Light" script.

Dec. 14th—Chanukah Social and Party.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 11th—SOS Concert and Opera

Night—Participants: Parker Watkins, Shirley Charkey, Ben Belfeder, Hy Rosen, Martin Kalmanoff and Arthur Baer.

Jan. 18th—Meeting—Presentation of "Eternal Light" script "The Other Side of the Mountain."

Jan. 21st-22nd-23rd—Participation in week-end at Hotel Concord sponsored by the United Synagogue of America.

Jan. 25th—Second lecture of series on "Conservative Judaism in United States"—Rabbi Saul Teplitz on "Why Be Conservative—A Positive Program for Conservative Jews."

Feb. 1st—Meeting—Discussion on opportunities in the new Jewish State—Mr. Shimon Rosowsky, speaker.

Feb. 8th—Cabaret Night in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal—Music by Bob Norman and Orchestra.

Feb. 15th—Meeting—"Survey of the Yiddish Theatre," celebrating Jewish Music Month, directed by Mr. Sholom Secunda.

Feb. 20th—Participation in Y.P.L. Conference at Philadelphia.

Mar. 8th—Social evening and pre-Convention Rally.

Mar. 13th—"Conference on Israel"—Buffet Supper and Dance.

Mar. 15th—Purim celebration and entertainment.

Mar. 22nd—Meeting—Third lecture of series on "Conservative Judaism"—Rabbi Simon Noveck, speaker on "Is Ritual Important."

Mar. 29th—Social meeting—Plans for United Jewish Appeal campaign formulated.

Apr. 1st-2nd-3rd—Participation in Y.P.L. Convention at Atlantic City.

Apr. 5th—Meeting—Program commemorating Passover holiday and anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Apr. 12th—Social meeting.

Apr. 17th—Gala function for the United Jewish Appeal.

May 10th—Installation of Officers and Executive Committee—Social hour and dancing.

May 24th—Social meeting.

June 7th—First Roof meeting opening summer weekly schedule.

June 12th—Participation in All-Day Picnic of N. J. and Metropolitan Region of the Y.P.L. at Rockland Casino.

June 21st—Square Dance Jamboree on

Center Roof.

Sept. 2nd-3rd-4th-5th—Participation in Labor Day week-end at Camp Delwood sponsored by Y.P.L.

Sept. 13th—Business meeting—Social hour.

Oct. 3rd—Yom Kippur Night Dance.

Oct. 11th—Program in keeping with the spirit of the Succoth holiday.

Oct. 18th—Meeting—Panel discussion on the functions of the Young Folks League in relation to the other Center groups.

Nov. 8th—Election Night Social and Returns.

Nov. 15th—Meeting—Discussion on the trend in Jewish literature celebrating Jewish Book Month.

Nov. 22nd—Meeting—Program dedicated to the Jewish Theological Seminary—Miss Esther Gershon of India, speaker.

Dec. 6th—Meeting—Lecture "Whither Are You Going?" by Prof. Louis A. Warsoff.

Dec. 7th—Young Folks League Music Group program—"A History of Jazz" by Mr. Sholom Secunda.

Dec. 13th—Meeting—Presentation of Norman Corwin's play "We Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident"—Social hour.

Dec. 20th—Chanukah festival—Kindling of Chanukah lights by Cantor Sauler.

Dec. 27th—Meeting—"Old Tyme Movie Nite"—Social hour.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jan. 1st—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Quiz Program.

Jan. 8th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Showing of Hadassah film "Tomorrow Is a Better Day" followed by a discussion of the new Israeli government.

Jan. 13th—Junior League—Meeting—"Introduction Night"—Social hour.

Jan. 15th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—An evening of Hebrew song conducted by Herb Kummel.

Jan. 20th—Junior League—Meeting—Panel discussion on "The New Constitution of Israel."

Jan. 27th—Junior League—Meeting—Film showing of "A Day in Dagan" and "House in the Desert" followed by a discussion period.

Feb. 3rd—Junior League—Open Meeting.

Feb. 10th—Meeting—Musical under the leadership of Miss Irene Spatt.

Feb. 19th—Joint program of Junior Clubs celebrating Jewish Music Month

and Chamishe Oser B'shvat.

Feb. 15th—Junior League—Celebration of Jewish Music Month in cooperation with the Young Folks League.

Feb. 24th—Junior League—Meeting—Illustrated lecture on the role of the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jewish Life.

Mar. 13th—Vivalets and Candle-Lites—Discussion on biography on the Yahrzeit of Trumpeldor.

Mar. 19th—Junior Clubs—Post-Purim Masquerade.

Mar. 26th—Inta-League Boys Club—Basketball game and Dance.

Mar. 26th—Junior Clubs—Celebration of anniversary of the Hebrew University.

Mar. 31st—Junior League—Chinese Auction.

Apr. 7th—Junior League—Open meeting and social.

Apr. 16th—Junior Clubs—Joint Model Seder.

May 5th—Junior League—Open meeting.

May 12th—Meeting and social evening.
May 19th—Junior League—Meeting—Speaker from Histadrut Ivrit.

May 21st—Formal Dance in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

May 26th—Junior League—Meeting—Lecture and records of Israeli music.

Sept. 22nd—Junior League—Panel Discussion on "The High Holy Days"—Social hour.

Oct. 6th—Social Meeting.

Oct. 13th—Junior League—Report of Nominating Committee on slate of officers for coming season.

Oct. 22nd—Opening meeting of season of all Junior Clubs.

Oct. 27th—Election of officers of Junior League—Social hour.

Oct. 29th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Program commemorating the signing of the Balfour Declaration.

Nov. 5th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Social and Parlor Games.

Nov. 10th—Junior League—Meeting—Welcome to newcomers to the League—Social hour.

Nov. 12th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Twenty Questions "Quiz."

Nov. 17th—Junior League—Meeting—Review and discussion of Arthur Miller's "The Sure Thing."

Nov. 19th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Book Review in observance of Jewish Book Month.

Nov. 24th—Open House for College students.

Nov. 26th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Showing of film "Sons of Liberty" depicting the role of Jews in the growth and development of the U. S.

Dec. 8th—Junior League—Speaker and film from the Health Department on polio.

Dec. 15th—Junior League—Meeting—Musical arranged by Irene Spatt—Social hour.

Dec. 17th—Inta-League Boys and Girls Club—Chanukah Party.

Dec. 17th—Junior Clubs—Chanukah celebration.

Dec. 22nd—Junior League—Chanukah program.

Dec. 29th—Junior League—Mid-Winter Social.

PHYSICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE Basketball Games

B.J.C. vs. Prospect Y.M.C.A.—Jan. 9th.

B.J.C. vs. Pelham Parkway Community Center—Jan. 23rd.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Feb. 6th.

B.J.C. vs. Grand Street Boys—Feb. 13th.

B.J.C. vs. Williamsburg "Y"—Feb. 20th.

B.J.C. vs. Bronx "Y"—Feb. 27th.

B.J.C. vs. Hebrew Educational Society—Mar. 6th.

B.J.C. vs. Bensonhurst "Y"—Dec. 4th.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Dec. 11th.

RECORD OF BAR MITZVAHS

Daniel Isaac Leifer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Leifer—Jan. 8th.

Gerald Held, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Held—Jan. 15th.

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Conrad Lefkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lefkowitz—Jan. 29th.

Warren Meister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meister—Feb. 12th.

Joel Rothman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rothman—Feb. 12th.

Samuel Perlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Perlin—Feb. 26th.

Sigmund Hack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Hack—Mar. 5th.

Herbert Samuel Franck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franck—Mar. 12th.

Arthur Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Simon Abraham—Mar. 19th.

Stephen Rosof, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irving L. Rosof—Mar. 19th.

Charles Mushin, son of Mrs. Della Mushin—Apr. 2nd.

Leonard Fischbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Fischbach—Apr. 9th.

Robert Schwartz, son of Dr. Emanuel Schwartz—Apr. 23rd.

Stephen Wesley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Wesley—May 7th.

David Ackerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ackerman—May 21st.

Monroe I. Levine, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Levine—June 11th.

Paul Polishook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Polishook—June 11th.

Fred Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Goodman—June 18th.

Burton Ira Orland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Orland—June 18th.

Marshall Gilbert, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Gilbert—June 25th.

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Leslie Silverstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. I. Spencer Silverstein—Sept. 10th.

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Michael Langsam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Langsam—Sept. 17th.

James Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cohen—Oct. 1st.

Richard Glazer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glazer—Oct. 22nd.

Louis Lenett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lenett—Oct. 22nd.

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Stephen Fried, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Fried—Nov. 5th.

Norman I. Berkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berkowitz—Nov. 19th.

Kenneth Marks, son of Mrs. Clarence Marks—Dec. 24th.

HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jan. 2nd—Chanukah Entertainment.

Jan. 9th—Post-Bar Mitzvah Breakfast.

Feb. 2nd—Symposium on "Know Your Child" P.T.A.

Feb. 13th—Presentation of J.N.F. Scroll to Hebrew School.

Feb. 14th—Distribution of Chamisha Asar Bishvat Fruits.

Feb. 20th—Father and Son Post Bar-Mitzvah breakfast.

Feb. 20th — Theatre Party "Asher Levy."

Feb. 27th — Jewish Music Month Assembly.

Mar. 13th—Purim Operetta.

Mar. 14th — Megillah Reading for School.

Mar. 16th—P.T.A. Purim Festival.

Apr. 1st — Friday Night Service in Honor of Post Bar-Mitzvah Fellowship.

Apr. 6th—Model Seder Assembly.

May 3rd—Jewish State Assembly

May 8th—Mothers' Day Assembly.

May 15th—Lag B'Omer Assembly.

May 29th—Shavuot Assembly.

June 12th—Graduation.

June 22nd—G. O. Assembly.

June 24th—Promotion.

Sept. 12th—Opening of School.

Oct. 15th—Simchat Torah Procession.

Oct. 20th—Conference on Jewish Education—sponsored by Jewish Community Council.

Nov. 13th—Post Bar-Mitzvah Breakfast.

Nov. 16th — Symposium on Jewish Books P.T.A. (Mrs. Dorothy Alofsin and Rabbi Herbert Fedder, speakers).

Nov. 20th—Thanksgiving Assembly.

Dec. 4th—Theatre party—"Treasure in the Cave."

Dec. 11th—Bubatron (Hebrew Puppet Theatre).

Dec. 18th—Chanukah Entertainment.

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Hebrew B-2: Every Monday morning, 10:30 to 12 o'clock, Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

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(b) POST-CONSECRATION GROUP.

Meets with Rabbi Saltzman.

(c) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

The children of the Hebrew School and Center members meet every Saturday morning and during holidays, in the Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School Faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation were held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Hebrew and Religious Schools

1. BETH-SIFER IVRI (HEBREW SCHOOL):

The upper grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:40-11:30 A.M. The lower grades meet on Monday and on Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum, which covers six years of work, includes Hebrew conversation, Chumash, Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Jewish current events and Hebrew songs.

Boys older than 10 are not admitted to the beginners' class.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Classes from Kindergarten to 4th grade meet on Sunday from 10:00-12:00 A.M. Beginning with the 5th grade, girls attend one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday morning.

3. HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

a.—*Florence Marshall Hebrew High School.*

Graduates of the Hebrew School and Center Academy are eligible to join this

school, a branch of which meets three times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The course covers four years of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew and history.

b.—*Post Bar-Mitzvah Fellowship.*

Students continue their studies for a two-year period beyond Bar-Mitzvah. In addition to their study of history and Bible, the students conduct morning services on Sunday in conjunction with the Post Bar-Mitzvah breakfasts arranged by the Parent-Teachers Association. The last late Friday night service of the year is devoted to the graduates of this group.

c.—*Consecration Class.*

Alumni of the Hebrew School, Center Academy or Sunday School are eligible to join the Consecration class which meets on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises are held on the first day of Shavuoth.

d.—*Post-Graduate Class.*

This is a two-year extension course in Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the Hebrew School and Academy. Students meet for a three-hour session on Sunday morning.

e.—*Senior Group.*

Upper grade high school students who have completed a preliminary course may enroll in this group which meets on Sunday morning for the study of Jewish ethics and current problems. This is a two-year course.

Hebrew School Faculty

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Saturday Afternoon Closs

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Speakers: Rabbi Gerson Abelson, Jacob S. Doner, Louis J. Gribetz, Mordecai Rudensky, Rabbi Saltzman, Leo Shpall, Morris Zeldin.

Class in Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Mr. Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

CENTER ACADEMY EVENTS

Jan. 19th—P.T.A. Meeting—Film "A Feeling of Rejection" shown—Speaker: Miss Agnes E. Benedict, educational adviser and consultant to the Academy.

Jan. 24th—Social Get-Together for Parents of First Grades.

Feb. 7th—Social Get-Together for Parents of Kindergarten children.

Feb. 16th—P.T.A. Meeting—Speaker: Miss Agnes E. Benedict—Topic: "Inside the Center Academy."

Feb. 18th—Assembly commemorating Lincoln and Washington's Birthday.

Mar. 1st—Registration opens for school year 1949-50.

Mar. 20th—Purim Assembly.

Mar. 30th—P.T.A. Meeting—Film "Human Growth" shown.

Apr. 4th—Practical demonstration of a Seder given by Hebrew Committee of P.T.A. to mothers of Center Academy.

Apr. 8th—School Seder.

May 9th—Classroom meetings of P.T.A.

May 17th—Social Get-Together for Parents of Fifth Grade.

May 24th—Center Academy Luncheon for U.J.A.

May 25th—Last general meeting of P.T.A.—Speaker: Dr. Solomon J. Miller, President of Board of Trustees—Topic: "Accomplishments of Past Year and Plans for the Coming Year"—Mrs. Harry Berman rendered a musical program.

June 1st—Center Academy announces the opening of an additional building on Lincoln Place and the establishment of a pre-kindergarten class.

June 2nd—Shovuo Assembly.

June 10th—Board of Trustees of Center Academy announce the appointment of Miss Agnes E. Benedict as Director of Center Academy.

June 15th—Graduation.

June 17th—School closes.

Sept. 12th—School opens.

Sept. 28th—First general meeting of the P.T.A. to welcome Miss Agnes E. Benedict, new director and the new teachers.

Oct. 12th—Center Academy tenders party to children of afternoon Hebrew School.

Oct. 19th—8th grade children and teachers leave for a two-day trip to Philadelphia.

Oct. 19th—P.T.A. Meeting—Film "Tomorrow Is a Wonderful Day" shown. Oct. 26th—School Assembly held by 8th Grade to relate their experiences in Philadelphia.

Nov. 1st—School opens for visiting.

Nov. 11th—School Assembly to commemorate Armistice Day.

Nov. 16th—P.T.A. Classroom meetings.

Nov. 23rd—School Assembly to commemorate Thanksgiving holiday.

Nov. 28th—8th Grade leaves for a two-day trip to Boston.

Dec. 21st—Children celebrate Chanukah—Assembly and party held.

Dec. 21st—P.T.A. Meeting.

ART EXHIBIT

Jewish Youth Art Festival in cooperation with National Jewish Youth Week—Exhibit of original art talent of Jewish youth throughout the Borough—May 16-18-19.

CENTER CLUBS

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP—Social and cultural activities. Meets monthly.

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE—Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, males over 21 years and females over 18 years.

MASADA CHAPTER—Young men and women of college age. Zionist and social program. Meets weekly.

JUNIOR LEAGUE—Boys and girls of college age. Meets every Thursday night.

INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in junior and senior years of high school. Cultural athletic and social program. Meets every Saturday night.

JUNIOR INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in the first and second year of high school.

SHOMRIM—Boys in the first two years of high school. Young Judean and athletic activities. Meets every Saturday night.

VIVALETTS—Girls in the upper grades. Young Judean and social program. Meets every Saturday night.

TZOIM AND MACCABEES—Boys in elementary school. Young Judean and athletic program. Meets every Saturday night.

CANDLE-LITES—Girls up to 11. Games, Arts and Crafts. Meets every Saturday night.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops.

Center Clubs are open to the children of Center members and to the students of Center schools. The clubs are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Saltzman.

Additional Kol Nidre Donors

Thanks is extended to the following members who made contributions to the 1949 Kol Nidre Fund: Leon Hyman, Isidor Polivnick, Maxwell Orland.

PAGING SISTERHOOD

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Calendar of Events

February 27—General meetings, Monday evening at 8:15. *Jewish Music Festival*, featuring "Music Through the Year," dramatic presentation interpreted by Lila Leonard, highlighted by musical arrangements of Sholom Secunda, assisted by noted Center Male Octette and soprano Ann Bernstein. Address on "Brotherhood and Torah" will be delivered by Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes. All husbands cordially invited. Chairman of the evening, Mrs. Sarah Epstein. Purim refreshments.

March 1—United Jewish Appeal Women's Rally at Waldorf.

March 6—Sisterhood Executive Board meeting, 1:00 o'clock.

March 7—Guided bus trip to Horowitz-Margaretan Matzoh factory.

March 8—*Torah Fund Luncheon*. Guest speaker, Marie Syrkin, author, and Herb Warner and Betty Boucher, musical harmony duo.

March 9—Second guided trip to matzoh factory.

March 10—Sisterhood Friday Night Service. Panel Discussion on "The Role of the Jewish Woman Today." Oneq Shabbat following services. All welcome.

March 27—General meeting, Monday, 1:00 o'clock. Unusual program, "Jewish Women of Achievement," in which National Presidents of prominent organizations will take part. Current 1950 UJA film to be shown.

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